

PART 2
CURRENT STATUS OF CLAIMS

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22. (New) A method of administering the cyclic use and movement of one or more reusable shipping structures comprising:

- a. a supplier of empty reusable shipping structures transferring ownership of one or more empty reusable shipping structures, at a first price x, to a first user of reusable shipping structures, which said first user places goods thereon;
- b. said first user transferring ownership, at a second price y, of said one or more reusable shipping structures to a second user receiver of the goods on said one or more

reusable shipping structure, said second price y being less than said first price x, such that the difference between said first price x and said second price y, is an expense incurred by the first user for its use of said one or more reusable shipping structures.

23. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of said second user selling and transferring ownership of said one or more reusable shipping structures to a third party.

24. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said first user is a product manufacturer.

25. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said second user is a product distributor.

26. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said one or more reusable shipping structures are pallets.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein said pallets are wooden pallets.

28. (New) The method of claim 22, further comprising the step of said second user removing the goods from said one or more reusable shipping structures.

29. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said supplier of empty reusable shipping structures is selected from the group consisting of a shipping structure supplier and a shipping structure recycler.

30. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of said second user selling and transferring ownership of said one or more reusable shipping structures, which are in essentially the same condition as when ownership was transferred from the supplier of empty reusable shipping structures to the first user, to a third party at a value greater than said second price y.

31. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said first user charges its internal operations a usage fee for the reusable shipping structures which is the difference between the first price x and the second price y.

32. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the second value y is about sixty percent of the first value x.

33. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein the first price x is that of new or fully reconditioned reusable shipping structure.

34. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said third party is a supplier of empty reusable shipping structures.

35. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said third party transfers ownership of said one or more reusable shipping structures to a supplier of empty reusable shipping structures.

36. (New) A cost effective method of promoting the transfer of reusable pallets through cycles of use comprising the steps of:

a. a supplier of reusable pallets, ready for use in supporting goods, supplying and transferring ownership of said reusable pallets to a first party user of said reusable pallets,

b. said first party user of said reusable pallets paying a first current market value for said reusable pallets to said supplier of said reusable pallets,

c. said first party user of said reusable pallets using said reusable pallets by placing goods on said reusable pallets,

d. said first party user of said reusable pallets supplying said reusable pallets with goods thereon to a second party user of said reusable pallets and transferring ownership of said reusable pallets to said second party user of said reusable pallets,

e. said second party user of said reusable pallets paying said first party user of said reusable pallets an amount less than said first current market value of said reusable

pallets, such that the difference between said first current market value of said reusable pallets and the amount less than said first market value of said reusable pallets is an expense incurred by the first party user for its use of said reusable pallets.

37. (New) The method of claim 36 further comprising the step of said second party user of said reusable pallets transferring possession and ownership of said reusable pallets to a re-conditioner or supplier of reusable pallets for a second current market value of said reusable pallets.

38. (New) A method of administering cyclic use, movement, cost, and ownership of a reusable shipping structure comprising:

a. a reusable shipping structure provider manufacturing or acquiring ownership and possession of a reusable shipping structure for the purpose of selling and providing a reusable shipping structure to a first party user of the reusable shipping structure at a first price,

b. said first party user of the reusable shipping structure placing products on the reusable shipping structure for storage and shipment to a second party purchaser of the products, said first party transferring ownership of said reusable shipping structure with the products thereon to the second party purchaser, and charging the second party purchaser a second price, which is an amount less than the first price for the reusable shipping structure, and such that the difference between said first price and said second price, is an expense incurred by the first party user for its use of said reusable shipping structure.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 further comprising the step of said second party purchaser transferring possession and ownership of said reusable shipping structure to a re-conditioner or supplier of reusable shipping structures for a third price.